

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Conventional apparatus, whether fixed or mobile, for packing goods/products using stretch film often comprise[s] an assembly for unrolling or dispensing the film from a spool and for pre-stretching it. The assembly feeds the film toward a bundle to be wrapped, which is [generally] usually supported by a pallet. The spool is unrolled using rubber-covered rollers controlled either by electromagnetic brakes or clutches, or by electronically operated motor reducers. The film then passes over a series of idle conveyance rollers before it leaves the assembly and arrives at the bundle to be wrapped.

Please amend page 4, paragraph 2, to read as follows.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A specific, illustrative assembly and method for automatically unrolling and cutting stretch film ~~and of the method for use therewith~~, in accordance with the present invention, is described below with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Please amend page 5, paragraph 4 (which was originally one paragraph but was amended to be the two paragraphs below) to read as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring now to the drawings and, more particularly, to FIGS. 1 - 4, there is shown generally a specific, illustrative assembly for automatically unrolling and cutting stretch film, in accordance with the present invention. According to one embodiment, a stretch film unrolling and pre-stretching assembly is provided, in accordance with the invention, as part of a conventional packaging machine. Functional and structural aspects of such packaging machines are considered known by those skilled in the art and further description is believed unnecessary for illustration of the present invention.

For purposes of [illustrating] the present invention as set forth herein, the machine preferably includes a frame 1, comprising a lower plate 1a and a top casing 1b at a selected distance from one another, and [with] rubber-covered rollers 2 extending between them [to] for controlling forward movement of the film. The rollers are operated through transmission 3 by a motor reducer 4, shown by broken lines in FIG. 6, accommodated within casing 1b. Also noteworthy are idle conveyance rollers 6 arranged generally downstream of the rubber-covered rollers, and a support 7 for a spool of film 8, [delineated] best seen in FIG. 6, where ~~there is also indicated~~ a film path 8a is also shown, unwound from spool 8, across control rollers 2 and idle conveyance rollers 6 to exit [from] the assembly.

Please amend page 6, paragraph 2, to read as follows:

The two ~~Rollers~~ 11 are provided with preferably include a system [that] for prevent[s]ing the[m]ir [from] rotati[ng]on in [the] a direction opposite to ~~the one~~ that which corresponds to the film leaving the assembly. This effect can be obtained with any known system, for example, by mounting the small rollers on their respective fixed axes of rotation ~~by means of using, for instance,~~ drawn cup roller clutches 18, [not] shown in dashed lines in FIG. 1 the figures. Upstream of rollers 11 and inside [the] top casing 10b of frame 10 there is housed a film cutting mechanism ~~that can be seen, in particular, shown, for example,~~ in [figures] FIGS. 2, 3a and 3b and ~~is indicated as a whole at the identified generally by reference number 12.~~ The ~~m~~Mechanism 12 desirably comprises a blade 14 supported by an arm 13 ~~that is~~ hinged in an intermediate position in such a way so as to ~~be able to~~ undergo an angular displacement in a plane which crosses the plane in which the film lies as it leaves the assembly.